

REMARKS

The indication that claims 3-20 have been allowed is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claims 1 and 2 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance.

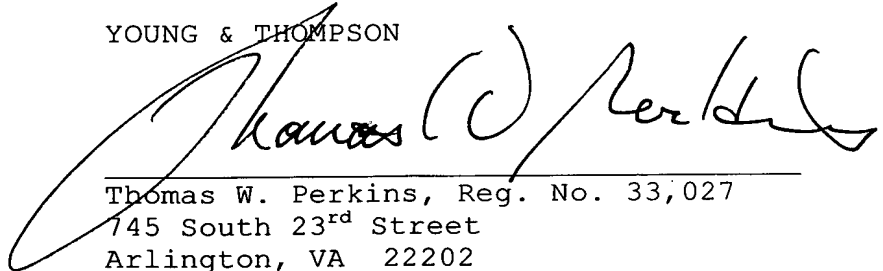
Claims 1 and 2 were rejected as unpatentable and have been canceled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment, the present application has been placed in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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